

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOE BARNETT**, on February 2, 1999 at 3:05 P.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Barnett, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ralph Lenhart, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Rick Dale (R)  
Rep. Bill Eggers (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro (D)  
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)  
Rep. Sam Rose (R)  
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Bob Story (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. John L. Holden, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Rick Jore (R)  
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Joyce Bankhead, Committee Secretary  
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 141, SB 147, HB 391  
Posted 1/27/99

Executive Action: SB 141 DO CONCUR  
SB 147 DO CONCUR  
HB 391 DO PASS with amendments

**HEARING ON SB 141**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Senator Mack Cole, SB 4. **EXHIBIT**(agh26a01)

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 6.7}**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Ralph Peck, Director Dept. of Agriculture **EXHIBIT**(agh26a02)

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.7 - 7.9}**

Mark Simonich, Director of DEQ

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.9 - 9.7}**

Jack Stults, DNRC

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.7 - 10.8}**

Candice Payne, WIFE and Farmers Union

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.8 - 11.7}**

Mike Murphy, MT Water Resource Assn.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.7 - 12.2}**

John Bloomquist, MT Stockgrowers Assn.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.2 - 13.1}**

Bob Stephens, MT Grain Growers Assn.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.1 - 13.3}**

Scott Kulbeck, MT Farm Bureau Federation

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.3 - 13.5}**

Gloria Paladichuk, Richland Economic Development

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.5 - 14.4}**

David Sagmiller, MT Ag Business Assn.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.4 - 14.8}**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

NONE

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.8 - 15.3}**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Rep. Story to Sen. Cole to Jack Stults.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.3 - 19.2}***

Rep. Barnett to Sen. Cole

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.2 - 20}***

Rep. Clark to Sen. Cole to Peck

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20 - 24.1}***

**Closing by the Sponsor:**

Sen. Cole closed the Hearing on SB 141.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.1 - 25.1}***

**HEARING ON SB 147**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Senator John Hertel, SD 147.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.1 - 28.4}***

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Ralph Peck, Director Dept. of Agriculture

**EXHIBIT** (agh26a03) **EXHIBIT** (agh26a04)

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.4 - 30.6}***

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**Opponents' Testimony:**

NONE

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.5 - 2}***

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Reps. Clark, Lenhart, Adams, and Thomas to Ralph Peck.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2 - 8.8}***

**Closing by the Sponsor:**

Sen. Hertel closed the Hearing on SB 147.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.8 - 10.7}***

**HEARING ON HB 391**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Rep. Don Hedges, HD 97. **EXHIBIT** (agh26a05)

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.7 - 15}***

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Pam Langley, Executive Director MT Agricultural Business Assn.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15 - 18.3}**

Ron DeYong, MT Farmers Union and WIFE

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3 - 19.2}**

Gary Gingery, Dept. of Ag

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.2 - 20.7}**

Mark Simonich, MT DEQ

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.7 - 22.1}**

Bob Stephens, Mt Grain Growers Assn.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.1 - 22.4}**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

NONE

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.4 - 22.8}**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Rep. Lindeen to Rep. Hedges to Mark Simonich to Gary Gingery

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.8 - 26.3}**

Rep. Clark to Rep. Hedges

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.3 - 28.7}**

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 0.5}**

Reps. Adams and Smith to Gingery

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.5 - 3.1}**

**Closing by the Sponsor:**

Rep. Hedges closed the Hearing on HB 391.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.1 - 3.7}**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 141**

**Motion:** REP. ROSE moved that SB 141 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:** Rep. Thomas asked about fiscal impact.

**Vote:** Motion carried 20-0.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.7 - 7.2}**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 147**

**Motion:** REP. HEDGES moved that SB 147 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

Rep. Jackson and Rep. Lindeen. Todd Everts provided information on each fee being voted on.

Rep. Story, Jackson, Barnett, Rose, and Adams.

**Vote:** Motion carried 20-0.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.2 - 15.3}*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 391**

**Motion:** REP. ROSE moved that HB 391` DO PASS.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. HEDGES moved that HB 391 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 20-0.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. ROSE moved that HB 391 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion carried 20-0.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.3 - 18.3}*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:19 P.M.

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REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

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JOYCE BANKHEAD, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (agh26aad)